

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)  
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:  
**TNF-DERIVED PEPTIDES FOR USE IN TREATING OEDEMA**

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.  
This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- ☐ An abstract together with  
16 pages of specification and claims including  
10 numbered claims and also attached is/are  
6 sheets of accompanying drawings.  
☒ This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s):

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☒ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This is a continuation of PCT application No.  
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Provisional Application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this  
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☒ Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto) including amended specification pages 4-8, to be entered  
before calculation of the fee.

Also attached: ☒ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☒ Other: Letter with  
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